

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)				
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report				
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<input type="text" value="105111me310"/> (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.8564"/>			
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<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<440> Fixed	<input type="text"/>			
<450> Mobile	<input type="text"/>			
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1010> <input type="text"/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no ) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no ) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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 Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality  
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage  
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity  
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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-- See attached worksheet --

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**(800) Operating Companies  
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<811>	Holding Company	FairPoint Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Northern New England Telephone Operating Co.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point Reservation  
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians  
Penobscot Indian Nation  
Aroostook Band of Micmacs  
Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township Reservation

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

105111me920

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes,No, NA)
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul  
options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers  
broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps  
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	105111me1210
		Name of attached document (.pdf)
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP <a href="http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644">www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644</a>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

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**CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.**

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)}
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}

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**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}**

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

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**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.
- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information



**Certification - Reporting Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE OPERATIONS LLC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 10/10/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Michael Skrivan	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: VP Regulatory	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 207-535-4150	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 105111	Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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## Attachments

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	(f/k/a FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp., f/k/a FairPoint Communications Corp.)		
	BE Mobile Communications, Incorporated		Bentleyville Long Distance
	Bentleyville Communications Corporation	170145	dba FairPoint Communications
	Berkshire Cable Corp.		
	Berkshire Cellular, Inc.		
	Berkshire New York Access, Inc.		
	Berkshire Telephone Corporation	150073	dba FairPoint Communications
	Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.	462192	dba FairPoint Communications
	Bluestem Telephone Company	411835	dba FairPoint Communications
	C & E Communications, Ltd.		
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc.		
	Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Corporation	150078	dba FairPoint Communications
	China Telephone Company	100004	dba FairPoint Communications
	Chouteau Telephone Company	431981	dba FairPoint Communications
	Columbine Telecom Company (f/k/a Columbine Acquisition Corp.)	462204	dba FairPoint Communications
	Columbus Grove Telephone Company	300604	dba FairPoint Communications
	COM Networks, Inc.		
	Comerco, Inc.		
	Community Service Telephone Co.	100015	dba FairPoint Communications
	C-R Communications, Inc.		
	C-R Long Distance, Inc.		
	C-R Telephone Company	341009	dba FairPoint Communications
	El Paso Long Distance Company		

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	Ellensburg Telephone Company	522412	dba FairPoint Communications
	Elltel Long Distance Corp.		
	Enhanced Communications of Northern New England Inc.		
	ExOp of Missouri, Inc.		
	FairPoint Broadband, Inc.		
	FairPoint Business Services LLC		
	FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.		
	FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	421472	dba FairPoint Communications
	FairPoint Logistics, Inc. (f/k/a MJD Capital Corp.)		
	FairPoint Vermont, Inc.		
	Germantown Independent Telephone Company	300618	dba FairPoint Communications
	Germantown Long Distance Company		
	GTC Communications, Inc. (f/k/a TPG Communications, Inc.)		
	GTC, Inc.	210291	(Floral) dba FairPoint Communications
	GTC, Inc.	210329	(Perry) dba FairPoint Communications
	Maine Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications
	Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185	dba FairPoint Communications
	Marianna Tel, Inc.		
	MJD Services Corp.		
	MJD Ventures, Inc.		
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - Maine	105111	dba FairPoint Communications
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - New Hampshire	125113	dba FairPoint Communications
	Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103313	dba FairPoint Communications

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	Orwell Communications, Inc.		
	Orwell Telephone Company	300649	dba FairPoint Communications
	Peoples Mutual Long Distance Company		
	Peoples Mutual Telephone Company	190244	dba FairPoint Communications
	Quality One Technologies, Inc.		
	Ravenswood Communications, Inc.		
	Sidney Telephone Company	103313	dba FairPoint Communications
	ST Enterprises, Ltd.		
	ST Long Distance, Inc.		
	St. Joe Communications, Inc.	210339	dba FairPoint Communications
	Standish Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications
	Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc.	461835	dba FairPoint Communications
	Taconic Technology Corp.		
	Taconic TelCom Corp.		
	Taconic Telephone Corp.	150084	dba FairPoint Communications
	Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC	145115	dba FairPoint Communications
	The El Paso Telephone Company	341004	dba FairPoint Communications
	UI Long Distance, Inc.		Northland Long Distance
	Unite Communications Systems, Inc.		
	Utilities, Inc.		
	YCOM Networks Inc.	522453	dba FairPoint Communications

Northern New England Telephone Company Operations LLC. provides a Lifeline Program discount in Maine for residence service for eligible low income customers and for eligible customers who are residents of Tribal lands. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The Catalog pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Northern New England Telephone Company Operations LLC. are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>.

**1. Schedule Information and General Regulations****1.6 Customer Assistance Programs****1.6.1 Lifeline and Native American Lifeline**

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>A.</b> | The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et.al) and any subsequent clarifying orders. |
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(N)

Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC  
d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE

# 1. Exchange and Network Services

## 1.1 Schedule Information and General Regulations

### 1.1.1 Monthly SQI Rebate – 2011-2012 SQI Year

ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Monthly Credit	Per Maine Telephone Exchange Line, trunk Line, Public Telephone Service Line, Announcement Line, Foreign Exchange Line and Centrex Main Station Line	0.48	

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(N)

(N)

### 1.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC

### 1.1.3 Payment of Bills

ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Returned Check or Draft	Per Check or Draft	5.00	
	Interexchange Carrier Charge	Per Customer Toll Statement Processed	.33	

### 1.1.4 Customer Assistance Programs

ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Lifeline	Recurring Reduction - Applied to basic exchange monthly rate as well as to packages that include basic exchange service	8.87	
	Native American Lifeline	Recurring Reduction – Applied to monthly rate for basic exchange service including packages with basic exchange service	*See note Part A, Sec 1.6.2.B	
	Native American Lifeline	Additional Reduction Applied to the Basic Monthly Service Rate - Per month, per primary residential connection - Note: The Native American lifeline reduction is that amount combined with the lifeline reduction so as to arrive at a basic monthly service rate of \$1.00.	See Note	

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For the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (SAC #105111) had one (1) unfulfilled voice order. The order was completed in 1st quarter 2013.

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**Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:**

Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC, hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The Maine Public Service Commission which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Service Objectives as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with customer Inquiry procedure as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in the Code of State Regulations; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."<sup>2</sup> The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."<sup>3</sup>

Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC, The companies do report Service quality metrics on a quarterly basis. This is based on a verbal agreement with the Maine Public Utilities commission (the PUC). NNE Maine reports monthly on 7 metrics: The seven metrics are – Network Trouble report rate, % troubles not cleared in 24 hours, % install appointments not met, average delay days for missed appointments, and outages, business and repair office answer time, and complaints. An annual summary is filed for penalty calculations.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at [consumer@fairpoint.com](mailto:consumer@fairpoint.com). The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.



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## Business Continuity Plan Overview

### Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope & Structure
- Recovery Strategies and Logistics
- Plan Maintenance and Exercising

### BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an external-interfacing element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back/front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff, service utilities, telecom network, IT network, etc.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- IT/IS
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- NOC (Network Operations Center)
- E-9-1-1
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents (i.e., work-stoppage and pandemic). All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.



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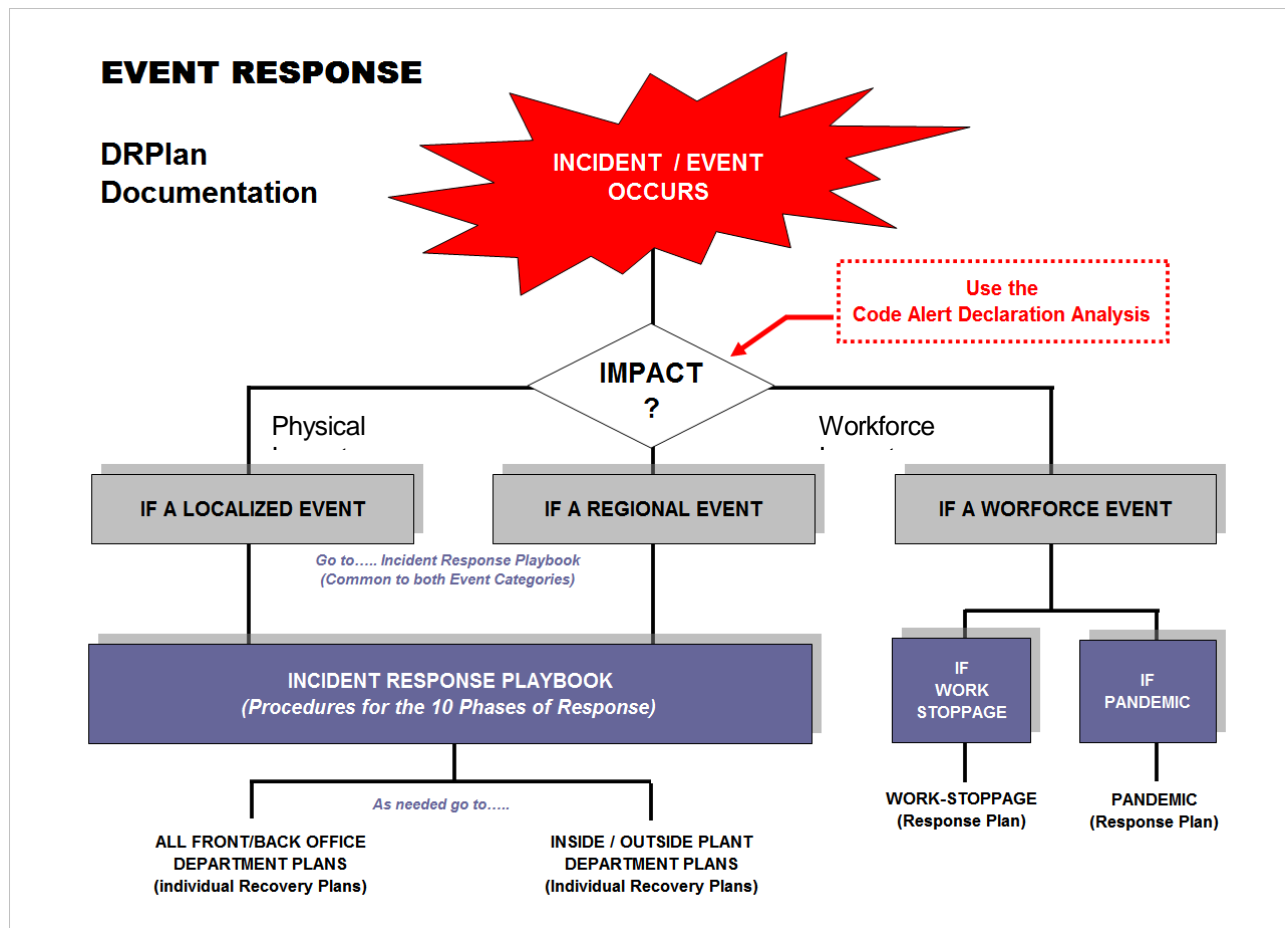
## **BCP Structure**

The BCP consists of several components:

- The BCP Manual (an overview of all BCP documents)
- IR Playbooks (addresses the response procedures for Physical and Workforce related events),
- Appendices (the IR Playbook procedures links to these Resources Files)
- Department Recovery Plans (Business and Plant Operations)
- Business Impact Assessments (Business and Plant Operations)

The Event Response diagram below identifies the overall BCP documentation and how a disruption or incident will dictate which path of the BCP will be followed to restore business operations.

Once the incident or disruption occurs, the impact first needs to be quickly assessed to determine whether it is a physically disruptive event (local or regional) ("Physically Disruptive Event") or a workforce disruptive event (work-stoppage or pandemic) ("Work-Force Related Disruptive Event"). The disruption is always focused on critical business operations and services that can impact customer interfacing / deliverables.



## Recovery Strategies and Logistics

Our BCP is based on the premise that FairPoint cannot stop disasters from occurring, but we can address the IMPACT of incidents should they occur. Where possible we will provide risk mitigation measures that will minimize the likelihood of having a serious disruptive incident but in no case can we eliminate all disruptive possibilities. The BCP is triggered by a Disruption Scenario, not a Threat Scenario. FairPoint pre-plans for potential break-points that can result in a customer interfacing disruption and incorporates recovery strategies that will inherently address any potential threat and any resulting business disruption impact. The actual threat (i.e. fire, flood, etc.) is pertinent only with respect to immediate response activities. All subsequent response efforts are focused on the assessment of damages (physical losses and recovery duration) and the implementation of restoration and recovery strategies. The restoration of the business servicing operations and infrastructure systems is based on salvage, replacement of systems and alternate functionality measures, which are pre-defined in the BCP.

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements have a high level of consideration in



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addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations.

The Ten Response Phases of Physical Event are:

- Incident Notification
- Visual Damage Assessment
- Incident Stabilization
- Command Center Initiation
- Initial Notifications to Business Departments – to activate plans
- Primary Site Damage Assessments
- Ready Alternate Restoration Sites
- Primary Site Salvage & Recovery
- Business Restoration Process
- Primary Site Re-established

### **Plan Maintenance and Exercising**

The BCP is a living document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are scenario tested with oversight from FairPoint's Corporate Risk Management Team.

## **Northern New England Telephone Operating Company-Maine**

Topic: Summarization of Meetings Held with Maine Tribes

Submitted by: Audrey Prior, VP Government Relations – Maine  
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On November 30, 2012, Steve Polyot and Audrey Prior met with Kirk Francis, the Tribal Chief of the **Penobscot Indian Nation** at his offices on Indian Island, in Old Town Maine. The meeting took place at 1:00 and lasted approximately 45 minutes. There was meaningful dialogue, as we discussed the following topics:

- Two new facilities that would be built on Indian Island and what FairPoint could do to meet the needs of the new developments.
- There are housing development plans in the works, and FairPoint may be called in to meet some of the needs that this will create.
- There were no billing issues with the Tribe.
- There were no problems with the facilities.
- There were no problems with the service that FairPoint had been providing.
- Tribal Chief, Kirk Francis, felt that FairPoint's marketing approach was satisfactory.
- There were no rights of way, land use permitting, or facilities issues.
- All in all, there were no communications needs that were not being met.
- There were no requests that came from the meeting.

On December 6, 2012, Steve Polyot and Audrey Prior met with Chief Richard Getchell of the **Aroostook Band of Micmacs**, at 7 Northern Road in Presque Isle, Maine. Also Present in the meeting were the assistant chief and the office Manager. There was meaningful dialogue, as we discussed the following topics:

- There was a small billing issue with the Tribe, in that they had disconnect service on some of their phone lines, but continued to get a bill. Audrey took the name and numbers of the lines and work to fix the billing problems.
- There were no problems with the facilities.
- There were no problems with the service that FairPoint had been providing
- Tribal Chief, Richard Getchell felt that FairPoint' marketing approach was satisfactory
- There were no rights of way, land use permitting, or facilities issues.
- All in all, there were no communications needs that were not being met.
- There were no requests that came from the meeting.

On December 6, 2012, Steve Polyot and Audrey Prior meet with Linda Raymond of the Houlton Band of **Maliseet Indian Tribe**. Brenda Commander, the Tribal Chief was not available. Audrey plans a follow up visit and/or call the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

On January 22, 2013, Steve Polyot and Audrey Prior met with Chief Clayton Cleaves of the **Passamaquoddy Tribe** in Perry, Maine. There was meaningful dialogue, as we discussed the following topics:

- Chief Clayton Cleaves requested some information concerning FairPoint's lifeline and link up processes. On January 23, 2013, Audrey Prior sent to Mr. Cleaves information regarding the lifeline and link up process that FairPoint has in place. A follow up call was made to Ginny, Mr.

Cleaves assistant the following week, and the information had been received. No further information regarding this topic was requested.

- Mr. cleaves shared his concerns that there was a 67% unemployment rate in the Tribe. He further shared his thoughts on how he may be able to put everyone back to work by developing a Port in East Port, Maine.
- There were no problems with the facilities.
- There we no problems with the service that FairPoint had been providing.
- Chief Clayton Cleaves, felt that FairPoint's marketing approach was satisfactory.
- There were no rights of way, land use permitting, or facilities issues.
- All in all, there were not communications needs that were not being met.
- There were no requests that came from the meeting.

**MAINE TRIBES - NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE (ME) ONLY**

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